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1. AFTER PERIOD OF QUIET SINCE MID-NOVEMBER IN IZMIR AREA, PUNCTUATED BY SCATTERED RIGHT-LEFT CLASHES IN LESSER AEGEAN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, STUDENT ACTIVISM AND VIOLENCE HAVE RESUMED.
2. DURING EARLY HOURS OF DEC. 13 BOMBS EXPLODED AT BORNOVA CULTURE AND MUTUAL SUPPORT ASSOCIATION, KAHRAMANLAR ASSOC. OF SAME NAME, AND AT BUCA TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTION REFORMIST STUDENT ASSOC; THE THREE ASSOCIATIONS ARE IN IZMIR

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SUBURBS AND REPUTEDLY LEFTIST. BOMBINGS REPORTEDLY PRODUCED LOCAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, BUT CAUSED NO PERSONAL INJURY. ACCORING YENI ASIR, SOME BUCA STUDENTS ATTRIBUTED BOMBING TO (RIGHTIST) "COMMANDOS" WHO SOUGHT TO INTIMIDATE LEFTIST STUDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH RESUPMTION OF CLASSES DEC. 13 (AFTER THREE WEEK SHUT-DOWN FOR FRESHMAN RE-EXAMINATIONS -- IZMIR 394). ANOTHER SOURCE SUGGESTED BOMBINGS MAY REPRESENT STRIFE AMONG DIFFERENT LEFTIST FACTIONS.
2. ON DEC. 10 BODY OF GOKHAN EDGE, VICTIM OF ALLEGED POLICE BRUTALITY AT DIYARBAKIR (ADANA 310), WAS RETURNED TO IZMIR (HIS HOME) AND BURIED. LARGE CROWD OF STUDENTS (PRESS CLAIMS "THOUSANDS") PARTICIPATED IN INCIDENT-FREE FUNERAL PROCESSION UNDER HEAVY POLICE SURVEILLANCE BEARING SIGNS "MURDERER
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POLICE", "MURDERER ADMINISTRATION", "NEITHER AMERICA NOR

RUSSIA -- DOWN WITH THE FASCIST DICTATORSHIP," AND "FREE THE KURDS". STUDENTS AT SEVERAL AEGEAN UNIVERSITY FACULTIES DECIDED TO HOLD ONE-DAY BOYCOTT OF CLASSES, BUT BOYCOTT WAS ONLY PARTLY EFFECTIVE. GROUP OF STUDENTS AT BORNOVA ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SCIENCES OF LISANS (JUNIOR COLLEGE) WHO SOUGHT ATTEND CLASSES FOUGHT WITH OTHERS SEEKING ENFORCE BOYCOTT.

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3. LARGE SIZE OF DEC. 10 STUDENT DEMONSTRATION CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH SMALL TURN-OUT ON FOLLOWING DAY FOR ODEMIS-IZMIR MARCHERS (IZMIR 396), FURTHER SUGGESTING "OFF BEAT" CHARACTER OF MARCH ORGANIZERS. ON OTHER HAND, RAPID MOBILIZATION OF STUDENT PROTESTORS FOR DEC. 10 DEMONSTRATION DEMONSTRATES EXISTENCE OF EFFECTIVE LEFTIST ANTI-ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZATION AND SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF SUPPORTERS.

4. WE ATTRIBUTE DECREASE IN IZMIR AREA STUDENT DISORDERS SINCE MID-NOVEMBER TO COMBINATION OF FOLLOWING FACTORS: INTENSIFIED POLICE PRESENCE AT CAMPUSES, IZMIR ULKU OCAKLARI (IDEALISTS HEARTH) CALL FOR "ARMISTIC" WITH LEFTISTS ON/ ABOUT NOV. 20, ADVERTISED BY WALL POSTERS, AND EARLY DEPARTURES COUPLED WITH LATE RETURNS BY STUDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH EARLY DECEMBER ISLAMIC HOLIDAY. (AU SOURCES HAVE TOLD US UNUSUAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS LEFT EARLY AND RETURNED LATE, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF CONCERN OVER CAMPUS VIOLENCE.) ADDRESSES WILL RECALL BULK OF AU CAMPUS INCIDENTS THIS YEAR HAVE OCCURRED AT ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY, USUALLY TRIGGERED BY SOME FORM OF ARMED RIGHTIST INCURSION. IN FACT, SINCE ARMISTICE ANNOUNCEMENT WE UNAWARE OF ANY RIGHTIST-PRECIPITATED

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INCIDENTS IN IZMIR AREA UNTIL DEC. 13 BOMBINGS -- IN BOMBINGS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COMMANDOS.

5. SEPTREL OUTLINES STUDENT INCIDENTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN RECENT WEEKS OUTSIDE OF IZMIR AREA.

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